

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2589 - HB 2636**

February 29, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a new cause of action for civil penalties against drug dealers for damages sustained by all those who have been harmed economically and otherwise, by the users of illegal drugs, obtained from the defendant's chain of distribution. Persons and entities recovering damages may include government entities providing drug treatment and services, such as, for drug babies, parents of adolescent users who have spent money on treatment, employers of users, and former users if user provides police with information and remains drug free.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000**  
**Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not significant**

Estimate assumes:

- state government departments that provide treatment and services to persons who have been harmed by the users of illegal drugs and drug users may recover some costs for services from defendants. There will also be some increase in state expenditures for the departments to pursue such cases, which is not estimated to be significant.
- some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes, and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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